

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *Lower Guadalupe River Trail Construction*

**Question:** What is the project?

**Response:** The project paves 6.4 miles of existing gravel trail (from Highway 880 to Gold St.) to make bicycling easier and accessible along the popular trail alignment. The project includes decorative pavement treatments at entry points and interpretive signage at five locations to identify interesting features or share local history.

**Question:** How much does the project cost?

**Response:** The construction contract is about \$3.3M. Development work on the master plan, environmental documents and construction documents accounts for about \$3.0M.

**Question:** Where is the money coming from?

**Response:** The project is substantially funded by the 2005 Federal Transportation Bill (SAFETEA-LU). Funds from local sources like Council District 4 Construction & Conveyance Tax, Park Trust Funds, and Airport funding have permitted design and planning work, as well as earlier construction of the Airport Parkway under-crossing.

**Question:** Does the trail end in Alviso?

**Response:** The Lower Guadalupe River Trail technically concludes at Gold Street, but design and planning work is underway for under-crossings and a pedestrian bridge to link the trail system to the future San Francisco Bay Trail.

**Question:** Will the project fix under-crossing at Tasman Drive which floods regularly?

**Response:** Flooding at Tasman Drive is from both seasonal flows and regular tidal action.

Construction drawings and environmental documents are complete and allow the City to increase the under-crossing height by three feet. The plans also replace the rough-grooved surface with a smoother surface. Elevating the under-crossing will raise it above normal tides and the 10-year flood line. (NOTE: A “10-year flood event” means that there is an expectation of flooding once every 10 years).

The current construction project will not include improvements at Tasman Drive because it has the potential to significantly delay the overall project's completion. Funding is in place to proceed with Tasman Drive Improvements immediately after this project's trail construction.



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